

## ***Placement Statistics for All Children in Alaska OCS Out-of-home placement on March 1, 2011.***

Out-of-home placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

### ***Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on March 1, 2011, by Region.***

	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>South Central</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Count	640	323	518	174	199	<b>1,854</b>
Mean Age	7.0	6.7	7.9	8.7	8.9	<b>7.6</b>
Median Age	6.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	<b>7.0</b>
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
Maximum Placements	32	28	26	27	28	<b>32</b>
Mean Placements	3.6	3.7	2.7	4.1	5.2	<b>3.6</b>
Median Placements	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	<b>2.0</b>
Minimum Time in Care	2	4	0	9	0	<b>0</b>
Maximum Time in Care	5,148	4,340	3,945	4,962	3,641	<b>5,148</b>
Mean Time in Care	663.3	611.1	538.5	816.9	801.8	<b>648.6</b>
Median Time in Care	418.0	466.0	357.0	520.0	642.0	<b>437.5</b>

### ***Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on March 1, 2011, by Race.***

	<b>Native<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>White<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Other<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Undetermined</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	
Count	1,148	510	136	60	<b>1,854</b>	<sup>1</sup> Native is any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian.
Mean Age	7.4	8.0	8.0	6.3	<b>7.6</b>	
Median Age	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	<b>7.0</b>	
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	<sup>2</sup> White is White only, excluding all other races.
Maximum Placements	30	29	32	6	<b>32</b>	
Mean Placements	3.8	3.3	3.4	1.6	<b>3.6</b>	
Median Placements	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	<b>2.0</b>	<sup>3</sup> Other includes any mention of Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Black/African American.
Minimum Time in Care	0	0	6	2	<b>0</b>	
Maximum Time in Care	4,962	4,954	5,148	1,712	<b>5,148</b>	
Mean Time in Care	668.4	660.2	624.5	225.5	<b>648.6</b>	
Median Time in Care	488.0	405.5	394.0	153.5	<b>437.5</b>	

Mean is the arithmetic mean average, commonly referred to as the 'average'.

Median is the median average, containing the middle value. Half of the observations are less than this value, and half of the observations are greater than this value.

Placements are the number of times children in OCS Out of Home placement have changed homes.

Time in Care is measured in days.

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthly\_ooh\_web.sas.

Data in this report is current as of April 12, 2011. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics

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